

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2 and 12 without prejudice to or disclaimer of their subject matter.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 9, 11 and 13 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An aqueous ink for ink-jet recording, comprising a colored resin particle dispersed in an aqueous medium, wherein the colored resin particle comprises a film-forming resin to which at least one of an oil soluble dye and a disperse dye is sublimed and penetrated, and

wherein the film-forming resin is an acrylic resin, and

wherein the film-forming resin has a minimum film-forming temperature (MFT) of not higher than 35°C.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The aqueous ink according to ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein said minimum film-forming temperature is not higher than 25°C.

4. (Original) The aqueous ink according to claim 3, wherein said minimum film-forming temperature is not higher than 10°C.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) An ink-jet recording method comprising a step of ejecting the aqueous ink according to claim 1 through an orifice in correspondence with a recording signal to deposit the ejected ink onto a recording medium.

8. (Previously Presented) An ink-jet recording apparatus comprising an ink container containing the aqueous ink according to claim 1, and a head for ejecting the ink through an orifice in correspondence with a recording signal.

9. (Currently Amended) An ink cartridge comprising an ink container for containing the aqueous ink according to ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1.

10. (Previously Presented) A recording unit comprising an ink container for containing the aqueous ink according to claim 1, and a head for ejecting the ink through an orifice in correspondence with a recording signal.

11. (Currently Amended) A coloring material comprising colored resin particles which comprise a film-forming resin to which at least one of an oil soluble dye and a disperse dye is sublimed and penetrated, and

wherein the film-forming resin is an acrylic resin, and

wherein the film-forming resin has a minimum film-forming temperature (MFT) of not higher than 35°C.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The coloring material according to ~~claim 12~~ claim 11, wherein said minimum film-forming temperature is not higher than 25°C.

14. (Original) The coloring material according to claim 13, wherein said minimum film-forming temperature is not higher than 10°C.

15. (Original) The coloring material according to claim 11, which is used in an ink for ink-jet recording.